An Act of this present PARLIAMENT,

FOR

The Alteration of several Names and Forms heretofore used in Courts, Writs, Grants, Patents, &c. and settling of Proceedings in Courts of Law, Justice and Equity within the Kingdoms of *England* and *Ireland*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick* upon *Tweed*.

BE it Enacted by this present PARLIAMENT, and by Authority of the same, That in all Courts of Law, Justice or Equity; and in all Writs, Grants, Patents, Commissions, Indictments, Informations, Suits, Returns of Writs; and in all Fines, Recoveries, Exemplifications, Recognizances, Process and Proceedings of Law, Justice or Equity within the Kingdoms of England and Ireland, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, In stead of the Name, Stile, Title and Teste of the King, heretofore

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uſed, That from henceforth the Name, Stile, Title and Teſte of Cuſtodes libertatis Angliæ authoritate Parliamenti, ſhall be uſed, and no other; And the Date ſhall be the year of the Lord, and none other: And that all Duties, Profits, Penalties, Iſſues, Fines, Amerceaments and Forfeitures whatſoever, which heretofore were ſued for in the Name of the King, ſhall from henceforth be proſecuted, ſued for, and recovered in the ſaid Name of Cuſtodes libertatis Angliæ authoritate Parliamenti, and no other; And in all or any of the Proceedings aforeſaid, where the words were (Juratores pro Domino Rege) from henceforth it ſhall be (Juratores pro Re-publica) And where the words in any of the Proceedings aforeſaid uſed to be (Contra Pacem, dignitatem vel Coronam noſtram) that from henceforth theſe words (Contra Pacem Publicam) in ſtead of them, or any of them, ſhall be only uſed: And all Judges, Juſtices, Officers and Miniſters of Juſtice whatſoever, are to take notice hereof, and are hereby authorized and required to proceed accordingly, and no otherwiſe; And whatſoever henceforth ſhall be done contrary to this Act, ſhall be, and is hereby Declared to be Null and void. Provided always, That all Writs iſſued out of the Chancery, and all Writs and Patents of the Juſtices of the one Bench and of the other, Barons of the Exchequer, Commiſſions of Oyer and Terminer, Gaol-Delivery, and Juſtices of the Peace, and all other Commiſſions, Patents and Grants made and paſſed under the Great Seal of England, ſhall ſtand good and effectual in the Law, notwithſtanding the Death of the King, Any thing in this Act, or in any Article therein contained, or any Law, Statute or Cuſtom to the contrary

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thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding. And it is hereby further Ordained and Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all Writs Original already iſſued out under the Great-Seal, and all Actions, Suits, Bills or Plaints now depending in any Court of Record in Weſtminſter-Hall, or any other Court of Record, and all Proceſs, Pleas, Demurs, Continuances and Proceedings in every ſuch Action, Actions, Suits, Bills and Plaints ſhall be returnable, ſtand good and effectual, and be proſecuted and ſued forth, in ſuch maner and form, and in the ſame ſtate, condition and order; The ſaid changes and alterations to be as before is expreſſed, the death of the King, or any Law, Cuſtom or Uſage to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding: And that any variance that ſhall be occaſioned by reaſon thereof, touching any the ſaid Writs, Proceſs or Proceedings in the Name, Stile, Teſte or otherwiſe, ſhall not be in any wiſe material, as concerning any Default or Error to be alleadged or objected thereunto.

Die Lunæ, 29 Januar. 1648.

ORdered by the Commons in Parliament aſſembled, That this Act with the Title aforeſaid, be forthwith Printed.

H: Scobell, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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